(b) what are the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(c) whether it is a fact that this delay adversely affects the efforts to bring more hectares of land under irrigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) At present, there is no proposal to convene a meeting at Chief Ministers' level.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Denial of promotions to Assistant Commissioner in KVS

1188. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government employees can be deprived of promotion on the ground that Departmental Promotion Committee could not meet for the whole of the year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for which some Assistant Commissioners of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan were not granted promotions on this count?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to the guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Departmental Promotion Committees (DPC) should be convened at regular annual intervals to draw up panels for promotion for vacancies occuring during the course of a year. Regular promotions to higher posts are made only after the panels drawn by the Departmental Promotion Committees are approved by the appointing authorities. The existing instructions in the matter lay adequate emphahise on the timely holding of the DPC. Instructions have also been issued to the effect that in the event of bunching of yacancies of selection posts pertaining to more than a year due to non-holding of DPCs in particular year(s), year-wise panels should be drawn up so that officers promoted against vacancies relating to previous year(s) are placed senior to those promoted against vacancies in subsequent years.

(c) A post of Deputy Commissioner (Training) to which Assistant Commissioners of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan are eligible for promotion fell vacant on 1-6-1988. The Departmental Promotion Committee will meet shortly to give its recommendations in this regard.

Visit of Prime Minister to China

1189. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any date has been fixed or being fixed for the visit of the Prime Minister to China; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) the number of official or non-official delegations from both India and China visiting each others country during the last 2 years; and

(c) what was the impressions or conclusions conveyed by Shri Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister of West Bengal with regard to his visit to China, when he met Prime Minister recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A statement comprising lists of delegations to and from China in 1987